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DANETTA L.)

SUBJECT: GDR HUMANITARIAN CASE: W/W: DANETT LEBRON AKA DANETT L.
BOENNEN

REF: A) BERLIN 5035; B) BERLIN 5264

1. ON MARCH 5, THE CRUSONS TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY TO ADVISE THAT PEOPLE'S POLICE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (VPKA) MERSEBURG WAS UNCOOPERATIVE IN AUTHORIZING DANETTE'S DEPARTURE AND WAS SUGGESTING THAT SUCH AUTHORIZATION WAS "PROBLEMATIC". (THE GRUSSONS APPLIED FOR DANETTE'S EXIT VISA SHORTLY AFTER FEBRUARY 18 FROM VPKA MERSEBURG. ON FEBRUARY 27, THE EMBASSY WROTE A LETTER EXPLAINING THE CHILD'S AMERICAN CITIZEN STATUS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE POLICE.) REPEATED EMBASSY ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT VPKA MERSEBURG TELEPHONICALLY WERE OF NO AVAIL. THE BERLIN POLICE PRESIDUM WAS CONTACTED BUT ADVISED THAT THE EMBASSY SHOULD DEAL WITH THE MFA ON SUCH MATTERS.

2. BECUASE OF THE CHILD'S STATUS AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, THE EMB WILL SEND A NOTE TO THE MFA, REQUESTING PROMPT ISSUANCE OF THE REQUIRED EXIT PERMISSION FOR HER. THE EMBASSY WILL ALSO REFER IN IN THIS NOTE TO THE POLICE PRESIDUM'S REFERENCE OF THIS CASE TO THE MFA.

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(NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST CASE THE EMBASSY HAS ENCOUN-

TERED WHERE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN'S DEPARTURE FROM THE GDR
IS BEING HELD UP BY THE GDR AUTHORITIES. OUR CONTACTS
WITH MRS. GRUSSON INDICATE THAT SHE, AS TEMPORARY
GUARDIAN OF DANETTE, NOW AGREES TO THE CHILD'S TRAVEL TO
THE US TO JOIN HER MOTHER.)

3. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST - SENATOR ALAN CRANSTON.COOPER

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